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Title NOVEL RHEOLOGY REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND NATURAL CALCIUM CARBONATES OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A FATTY ACID OR SALT AND THEIR USE

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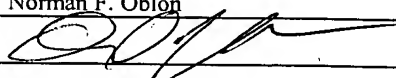
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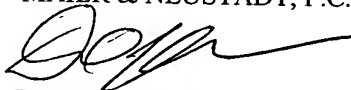
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